

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Claims

1. **Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 18, 19, 21-24, 26, 29, 30, 33, 48 and 54-70** are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding **claims 1, 18, 26, 33, 48 and 70**, in combination with other limitations of the claims, the prior arts cited fail to disclose or specifically suggested receiving custom ring information from calling party of the VoIP call, the custom ring information representing a calling party selected ring tone to be played to the called party, determining whether the called party has a piece of telephonic equipment capable of outputting the calling party selected ring tone, wherein the piece of telephonic equipment is selected from a group consisting of a computer, a telephone communicatively coupled to a twisted pair network, a cordless telephone a VoIP telephone, a cellular telephone, a fixed wireless telephone and an 802.11 (x) telephone.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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